

CODE NOT SECRET

Sign Language of Diplomats Is Known Generally.

President's Confidential Agent Is "Put Wisc."

SAME SYSTEM SEVEN YEARS

Uncle Sam Urged to Adopt New Cypher A B C's.

Easy for Foreign Nations to Find U. S. Cable Code.

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Berlin, Jan. 24.—The supposedly secret diplomatic codes of the United States government are known to practically every belligerent nation in Europe. It was learned today, Colonel S. M. House, who is conferring with American ambassadors in Europe as confidential agent of President Wilson, will have this fact impressed upon him before he leaves for Washington. Through him the state department will be asked to change its cypher.

It is now impossible for any diplomatic agent of the United States in Europe to cable a message to Washington with the certainty that it will be transmitted without its contents being known in Europe. In some instances, officials of more than one belligerent country can know the contents of such a message before it reaches Washington.

American diplomats in Europe realize officials of the belligerent nations have not the time to examine all of the dispatches they send to Washington. But when officials know that important dispatches are about to be transmitted, an is often the case, they can be on the alert.

Penfield's Note.

Not only is it possible for European belligerents to obtain such information, but it is known they have done so in numerous instances. Recently, a dispatch to Washington by Ambassador Penfield at Vienna is an illustration. Penfield used the usual route, calling by way of Bern and Paris. He first telephoned to Bern such a dispatch was coming; then he telegraphed in code. Four days later the American minister at Bern telegraphed Penfield that his dispatch had not arrived. Penfield forwarded another version, which arrived before the original message. The original was mysteriously delayed.

There are now three diplomatic codes in use by the United States, said to be from five to seven years old. Usually governments change their codes at least three times every two years to keep them from falling into hands of spies.

The "Green Code," supposed to be the most secret of all, is said to be understood by agents of European countries. The code by which American naval attaches communicate with Secretary Daniels is equally well known.

Disguise State Secrets.

Formerly, when Washington sent a note to an European power, the embassy, after decoding the communication, always paraphrased it. This was done so that no code expert in the employ of a foreign government could say this translation and then show the code message as it passed through the hands of telegraph officials on its way to Washington, would have little difficulty working out the code by use of a cypher expert.

The possibilities of embassy couriers being bribed to divulge important information is another disturbing factor. One such incident is said to have been discovered only recently by one of the American embassies in Europe.

NAME A. P. DIRECTORS

Nominating Committee of the Associated Press Announces Candidates.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—The nominating committee of The Associated Press met here today and announced the following nominations for directors:

Charles A. Rook, Pittsburgh, Dispatch.
Charles Hopkins Clark, Hartford, Courant.
Clark Howell, Atlanta, Constitution.
V. S. McClatchy, Sacramento, Bee.
E. A. Van Valkenburg, Philadelphia, North American.
George F. Booth, Worcester, Gazette.

Robert Ewing, New Orleans, States.
Elbert H. Baker, Cleveland, Plaindealer.
C. D. Morris, St. Joseph, Mo., Gazette.

R. A. Crothers, San Francisco, Bulletin.
To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Herman Ridder, Oswald Garrison Villard, of the New York Evening Post and Jason Rogers, of the New York Globe, were nominated.

DEAD ON HIS FEET

GOLD MEDAL Haaren Oil Capsules will bring new life and quick relief to those who suffer from rheumatism. They will thoroughly cleanse and wash out the kidneys and bladder and gently carry off the effects of excesses of all kinds. The healing, soothing oil soaks right into the walls and lining of the kidneys and expels the poisons in your system. Keep your kidneys in good shape by daily use of GOLD MEDAL Haaren Oil Capsules and you will have good health. Go to your druggist at once and secure a package of this time-honored, world-wide remedy. It is not a "patent medicine." It is passed upon by U. S. Government chemists and declared pure before coming into this country. GOLD MEDAL is the pure, original Haaren Oil imported direct from the ancient laborator in Holland where it is the National Household Remedy of the sturdy Dutch. Look for the name GOLD MEDAL on every box. Accept no substitute. Your druggist will gladly refund your money if not as represented.—Advertisement.

SNAP SHOTS

AT HOME NEWS

The finance committee of the Y. W. C. A. completed the 1916 budget at an all-morning meeting today.

Zabud council will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Masonic temple January 25 at 7:30 o'clock.

The Rev. J. K. Young of the Evangelical church will address the men's meeting held in the old Santa Fe mill Tuesday noon.

Wamego high school will play the Topeka high school basketball five at the gymnasium Friday afternoon at 8:15 o'clock.

The gospel meeting held every Tuesday noon at the new Santa Fe mill will be addressed by the Rev. J. F. Youngman.

The Master Builders' association will meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening at room 215 Mulvane building. All members are requested to attend.

Boys from the Topeka high school club have been invited to conduct the meeting of the T. H. S. club of the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock.

Charles Keel of Cuba, Kan., for 30 years a merchant there and well known in Topeka, is visiting today in Topeka.

A 31 to 16 triumph Saturday afternoon over Holton high school added another link to the chain of victory basketball victories of the Topeka high quintet.

"The Modern Dancer" will be discussed before the "Boys" club of the Topeka high school this evening. The club will take supper at the cafeteria at 8 o'clock.

A program of the schedule of classes, the first since 1912, is being printed this week for the Topeka high school. The schedule will be for the week of the 29th.

Forty Topeka high school girls enjoyed a spread at the Y. W. C. A. Saturday evening. Preceding and following the dinner, games were played in the gymnasium.

The Brotherhood Bible class of the First United Brethren church will meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the church. A large attendance is desired.

Tickets for the senior play "Emeralds" for the Topeka high school will be placed on sale at the high school building Tuesday. Students may make reservations at the building.

A prayer meeting in connection with the Bob Johnson meetings will be held Tuesday morning between 7:30 and 9 o'clock at the home of W. J. Arthur, 215 Mulvane.

A meeting of the Methodist preachers of Topeka was held this morning at the First Methodist church. Methodist ministers and laymen were present.

Classes in gas engine, arithmetic and Spanish will meet at the Railroad M. C. A. tonight. The night school classes are the only organizations that are meeting during the tabernacle revival.

Not so many students are coming in from the Topeka high school, according to Principal A. J. Stout. There are between 50 and 60 less than last year, he says.

The meeting of the social department of the Topeka Federation of Women will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at the Y. W. C. A. The meeting was originally set for Wednesday afternoon.

Tomorrow evening Topeka lodge No. 2, Fraternal Aid Union, will change their meeting place to the United Brotherhood hall and confer the degree of Fraternity on a class at hall in the Security building. Lunch will be served after the lodge meeting.

Nineteen football sweaters have been presented to the "T" men at the Topeka high school. At the stunt night last Friday enough money was taken in to finish paying for the sweaters and leave a surplus in the athletic association.

Little girls drawing hearts on the sidewalk attracted some attention Saturday afternoon. The cement artists were members of the Polly Anna and Girl Guardian clubs of the Y. W. C. A. who were out on a "fox hunt." The leaders drew the pictures as a "trail" for the remainder of the clubs to follow.

Miss Harriet Moses and James V. Hatter were wedded Saturday evening at the First United Brethren church by the pastor, the Rev. O. K. Hartman. The groom is an employee of the Wells Fargo Express company. After a short visit with relatives at Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Hatter will be at home at 1115 West Eleventh street.

Henry Jackson Waters, president of the Kansas State Agricultural college, will address the Catholic club of Grace Cathedral this evening at the annual dinner.

The dinner will begin at 6 o'clock. President Waters takes the place of Bishop Sidney C. Partridge, of Kansas City, who is unable to attend the banquet on account of sickness.

Successful attempts were made by the senior class to hang out a clothes line bearing the class colors this morning at the Topeka high school. A rope was stretched across the morning from the manual training building to the high school with the class colors in the center. The janitor with the help of some assistants had the colors pulled down before school started.

Election of officers for the second semester was held by two Washington literary societies Saturday night. The officers of the Washburn College Literary society are: William Stein, president; George Barrett, secretary; and Roscoe Graves, treasurer.

The heads of the Washburn Girls' Literary society are: Miss Mary Weighman, president; Miss Christina Ward, vice president; and Miss Katharine Albaugh, treasurer.

The Parent-Teachers' association of Lincoln school held a meeting last Friday afternoon. A very interesting program was given which consisted of two piano solos by Miss Marine and two very interesting papers were read by Mrs. C. B. Van Horn and Mrs. T. Jones. Mr. P. L. Griegs, of the school board, was present and after remarks introduced Mr. William, the architect, who had the plans of the new building and explained them to those present. Mr. Conry, superintendent of the school building, was also present and about 200 parents and friends attended and at the close of the meeting light refreshments were served.

Appoints Vicar General.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 24.—Bishop Jno. B. Farrelly of the Roman Catholic diocese of Cleveland, today appointed Rt. Rev. Mr. Thomas C. O'Reilly, vicar general of the diocese. Rev. O'Reilly has been chancellor of the diocese for six years and is rector of St. John's Catholic church. He will assume administrative powers of the diocese by virtue of his new office.

FINE BEER TRUST

Six Brewers Agree to Plank Down \$275,000.

Also to Forfeit Charters and Be Good Forever.

ALL ENTER PLEA OF GUILTY

Seventh Defendant Will Fight Case to Finish.

Texas "Suds" Makers Had Business District Conspiracy.

Salpurg Springs, Tex., Jan. 24.—

When the cases of six of seven Texas brewers concerned in Attorney General R. F. Looney's ouster suit are called in the eighth district court this afternoon an agreement will be presented to the court by which the defendants will plead guilty to charges against them, pay the state penalties aggregating \$275,000, forfeit their brewery charters, withdraw from the business district and contribute to the state anti-trust laws and contributing to political corruption.

The suit is the result of a conspiracy by counsel for the breweries and by Attorney General Looney. The plan must have the approval of Judge William P. Morgan, the presiding judge, before it can become effective.

The seventh defendant, the Dallas Brewery company, will ask for a judgment which probably will be pronounced next week. Counsel for the Dallas company announced its case will be called on Tuesday.

The suit is an echo of the unsteady seas which Topeka's western league baseball sailed just prior to the purchase of the franchise and local club by John Savage, the present owner. The bank claims that the directors of the club, S. J. Bear, A. M. Catlin, F. P. Metzger, Guilford Dudley, C. R. Merriam, H. A. Aschbach and Chester Woodward were indebted to the bank in the sum of \$9,800 as the first cause of action. The plaintiffs' petition claims that the note fell due by the directors asked more time, and the defendant, it is stated, by a written agreement with the bank, the directors pledged himself to the bank to pay the alleged debt. The first cause of action prays judgment for \$1,507.71 against the defendant, as his share of the alleged debt. Two other causes of action are cited.

Other Causes of Action.

The plaintiff alleges that there was a conspiracy between the bank and the directors by the bank on the second debt which the bank alleges was handled as was the first. The bank asked a judgment of \$44,42. The third cause of action alleges a \$12,800 debt and names Woodward's share as \$2,507.71.

The total judgment asked against Woodward is \$2,507.71.

Suits against the remainder of the directors have not been filed. Attorneys for the plaintiffs consider the present suit against Woodward individually as a sort of a test case. Its decision is expected to have considerable bearing on the settlement of the individual claims against the other directors.

Hearing of the case will probably be completed tomorrow.

A number of the directors of the old club and the officials of the German American bank were in the court room today.

Arrest Train Robber Suspect.

Washington, Jan. 24.—John Harris, the first of several men suspected of holding up and robbing a Baltimore train October 1, 1915, near Central Station, W. Va., has been arrested at San Antonio, Texas, the post-office department today announced.

Trial of Brewers.

Salpurg Springs, Tex., Jan. 24.—Charged with conspiring to influence prohibition elections, officials of several breweries were to be placed on trial here today. The Texas anti-trust law is the law under which the brewers were indicted.

Identifies Slayer.

The bodies of both Mexicans were

Tomorrow

Tuna Fish
No. 1/4 cans, regular 15c each.
No. 1 cans, regular 25c each.

Sugar
Pure Cane Granulated, 16 pounds, \$1.00

Macaroni
Macaroni, Spaghetti, Macaroni Elbows, etc. 4-10c pkgs. 25c

Matches
Santa Claus, 3 pkgs. 10c

Matches are higher. Will have to advance when present supply is exhausted.

Phone 4190
900 North Kan. Ave.
MORNS & MYERS

ON THE LAST LAP

Midwinter Begins Final Week With Change of Bill.

Manager Wants to Add Public Wedding to Attractions.

The Midwinter exposition started on its last week this afternoon with a brand new vaudeville bill. The four high-class acts have as a top-liner the Cevene Troupe, composed of seven persons, who do sensational work on the wire. Their stunts are said to be really marvelous. This is an old circus act which for years was with Barnum & Bailey's show. It is said to be one of the best of its kind in the world. Lloyd Sisters, a musical novelty, Harry Davis & Co., famous expert rifle shots and Wilson & Snyder are the other numbers.

A big crowd attended the exposition. Saturday night and the following prices were awarded:

Ed L. Moore, 216 Madison street, meerschaum pipe, given by T. V. Campbell, druggist.

Mrs. Mary Lane, 1320 Van Buren street, basket bag, given by the Mills Stores company.

Ruby Seymour, 1416 Kansas avenue, box candy, given by the Capital Candy company.

Hal Norton, 618 West Eighth street, same.

C. W. Fay, 129 Strait street, same.

C. Anderson, 216 Circle street, thermos bottle, given by the Overland Auto company.

W. B. Davis, 118 East Eighth street, handkerchief box, given by Topeka Trunk factory.

Dorothy Bruner, 1117 Madison street, book of poems, given by Zacher Book store.

Hazel Kinney, 1524 West street, sack salt, given by the Morton Salt company.

Frank Lake, 825 Horn street, box biscuits, given by the National Biscuit company.

Who Is Ready to Marry?

Who is going to be queen of the Midwinter? This is becoming quite an interesting question. About twenty-five young ladies are seeking the honor, which is being decided by popular vote. Miss Grace Hamilton was leading today, with 2,182 votes; Marcuerite Payne was second, with 1,653; and Daisy Goss third with 1,457. Other winners were as follows: Catharine Deach 917, Zephyr Carpenter 856, Mildred Hobson 461, Mary Milner 255. The winner is to be crowned with a \$10 diamond ring by the exposition company.

Manager Worley of the exposition is seeking a public wedding as an attraction for this week, and any couple ready to marry will be furnished an already decorated building, a splendid orchestra of music, license and the preacher if they will appear at the auditorium any day this week. A handsome present will go along with this offer.

THE HIP

A Melodrama Full of Thrills
The Girl and The Bandit
Prices 10-20-30c. Few at 30c.

NOVELTY

Here's Another Good One
Gertrude Van Dyck
Blonde Prima Donna
—Others—Come Early—
3-00, 7-15 and 9-15

GRAND Thursday

HARRY FRAZEE
Presents
"A Pair of Sixes"
This Will Make You Wake Up—Prices 25c to \$1.50

CRYSTAL

TODAY—TOMORROW
GRAFT
It behooves every citizen to see the inner workings of the gentlemen crooks.
Bob Leonard—Ella Hall
In the Roob's Victory
Some 2 Head Comedy

Free Electrical Prize Contest

At the Electrical Show of the Mid-Winter Exposition at the Auditorium.
Four Valuable Prizes Given Away FREE!

\$20.00 House Wiring FREE
The first prize will be \$20 worth of house wiring. It will be given to some person who lives on the Edison Company's service lines, either in their own or a rented house.

These Prizes Free
The other contest will be conducted in the same manner and the prizes are:
First prize—Hot-Point El Grindster, with Ovenette, complete.
Second prize—Electric Coffee Percolator.
Third prize—Electric Iron.

Be Sure to Stop at the Electric Arcade and Win a Prize

The Following Firms Are Exhibitors:

H. B. Howard
E. P. Jordan Co.
Keele Electric Co.
Machinists Electric Co.
E. L. Overton Engineering Co.
Robbins Electric Co.
Topeka Electric Co.
Topeka Edison Co.
Don't Fail to Register at the Electrical Arcade

9C Sale

Warren M. Cosby

9C Sale

This is the Logical Place to Shop

Odd Lots, Broken Assortments, Surplus Stocks are All Brought Forward and Marked 'Way Down for This 9 Cent Sale

It will be a mighty effort to break sales records and will surpass any previous clearance we have ever attempted.

Never were prices more interesting—on such desirable merchandise. Truly it will be a week of exceptional opportunities for economy-wise Topeka women.

The Last Call on Velvets for Spring Suits

Buy now while you can secure them at less than wholesale prices. It is a fact that these velvets have advanced from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a yard for fall delivery—and they will go higher.

\$4.00—44-inch Costume Velvet. \$2.69

Splendid quality in the following colors: Black, Copenhagen, navy and seal. Regular \$4.00 silks for \$2.69.

\$5.00—12-inch Chiffon Velvets. \$2.89

Finest quality all-silk velvets in navy, Belgium blue, golden brown, olive green, Burgundy, wisteria, black.

Dame Fashion Says Silk Suits for Spring

Take advantage of this great offering and secure your Silk suit now at these reductions:

36-in. Faille Silks, \$1.75 qualities \$1.39

36-in. Faille Silks, \$2.25 qualities \$1.89

40-inch Suing Bengalines, \$2.50 ties. \$1.89

42 and 44-inch Silk and Wool Bengalines, \$3.50 qualities. \$2.89

Save on Toilet Goods

One Table of the Celebrated 25c Enchanted Toilet Preparations, embracing Complexion Cream, Face Beautifier, Liquid Face Powder, Florida Water, Hand Lotion, Liquid Shampoo, Penicillin Cream, Tooth Powder and Smelling Salts. 9c

Up to 25c Tooth Brushes 9c

Up to \$1.25 Hair Brushes with solid backs and good stiff bristles. Each 69c

Up to 20c Dressing Combs 9c

50c Rubber Cushion Hair Brushes for 39c

\$1.00 size Bottle of Listerine for 79c; 50c size for 39c;

25c White Ivory Manicure Articles 29c

25c White Ivory Manicure Articles 19c

60c White Ivory Dressing Combs for 49c

50c and 50c White Ivory Mirrors, round and oval shapes, for 39c

Direct Your Attention to the Trimming Dept.

One lot of 25c Narrow Colored Dress Trimmings, special 9c

One lot of up to \$2.50 a yard Fancy Allover Chiffons and Laces, wide widths suitable for fancy dresses and blouses. Special at yard 99c

15c to 25c Wide and cream Lace Edges, in fine dainty patterns for neck and sleeves. Special at yard 9c

Linen Department

Linen Table Runners, 18x54 inches, Natural colored crash, finished with fringe. Special, each 49c

12x40 Huck Towels, dozen 9c

25x35 Towels, 12x40, 20x45 inches, each 19c

Bleached Kitchen Crash, 9c

Special yard and Damask, 72x120 inch width, special yard, 59c

\$1.25 Linen Damask, 72-inch wide, 5 patterns to select from. \$1.19

\$1.25 Napkins, 12-inch to match, special, a dozen \$3.69

Note These Handkerchief Reductions

Small size Linen Handkerchief Centers at, two for 9c

Women's 15c Initial Handkerchiefs—a broken line at each 9c

Men's 15c All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs at, each 9c

Men's All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, selling regularly at \$1.00 for box of six. Special at, box 79c

Draperies, Very Special

Third floor

50c Sunfast Drapery to close out, yard 29c

50c Sunfast Drapery, to close out, yard 39c

50c Sunfast Drapery, to close out, yard 49c

40 yards 26-inch fancy Silkoline 49c—a comforter length 6 patterns of 10c quality to close 49c

10c Bordered Scrims, white and ecru with colored borders, 5 yards for 29c

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The Mid-Winter Exposition

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Sensational Wire Act from the Barnum & Bailey Circus. The Sensation of the Year.

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